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This issue of the New Mexico Labor Market Review introduces revised civilian labor force and nonagricultural industry employment estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. The labor force data reflects new information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey and improvements in the estimating methodology. The nonagricultural data incorporate more recent payroll counts from employers covered under Unemployment Insurance programs. Labor force estimates for New Mexico have currently been revised back through 1984, and revised estimates back to 1980 should be available in a few weeks. Most nonagricultural employment, hours, and earnings data have been revised beginning with April 1984. Also, please note that the federal Office of Management and Budget has designated a new Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in New Mexico, the Santa Fe MSA. This area encompasses Santa Fe and Los Alamos counties. Included on page 9 of this issue are revised 1985 labor force estimates for statewide New Mexico and the Albuquerque area. 1985 annual average labor force data for all areas appear on page 10. Publications are available containing historical labor force, nonagricultural employment, and industry hours and earnings estimates for New Mexico and its sub-areas. If you would like copies of these publications, please complete and return the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

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New Mexico's unemployment rate in January was 9.2 percent, up from 8.7 percent in December and 8.9 percent one year ago. The number of jobless increased by 2,800 over the month, while total employment fell by 5,900 persons. Much of the increased unemployment was the result of usual January furloughs of temporary holiday workers at retail trade and transportation firms and in construction. However, layoffs were evident in several other industries which do not reflect normal seasonal trends.

Manufacturing employment in New Mexico fell off by 600 jobs in January, the result of two large layoffs, one in transportation equipment and the other in apparel, and smaller reductions in several other subsectors. The number of jobs in the mining industry continued to decline with another 200 reduction in January. Most of the recent declines were in the potash and oil & gas subsectors.

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JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	649,500	652,600	630,800	-3,100	+18,700
Employment	590,000	595,900	574,800	-5,900	+15,200
Unemployment	59,500	56,700	56,000	+2,800	+3,500
Rate	9.2%	8.7%	8.9%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,200	526,900	504,900	-7,700	14,300
MINING	19,800	20,000	21,800	-200	-2,000
Metal Mining	2,900	2,900	3,800	0	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,400	3,500	4,100	-100	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	13,500	13,600	13,900	-100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	34,600	35,600	34,300	-1,000	300
MANUFACTURING	36,900	37,500	36,400	-600	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	24,400	23,600	-200	600
Lumber & Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	-100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,300	3,500	-200	600
Other Durable Goods	8,200	8,300	8,000	-100	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,700	13,100	12,800	-400	-100
Food & Kindred Products	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Textile & Apparel	2,200	2,400	2,400	-200	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	29,900	29,800	-600	-500
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	13,300	12,700	-400	200
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,400	6,000	-300	100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,600	4,400	-100	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,400	16,600	17,100	-200	-700
Communication	7,000	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,700	-100	-300
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	125,200	129,700	117,600	-4,500	7,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	23,100	22,600	-200	300
Durable Goods	13,500	13,600	13,400	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,500	9,200	-100	200
RETAIL TRADE	102,300	106,600	95,000	-4,300	7,300
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,500	4,600	4,200	-100	300
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	13,300	10,600	-1,000	1,700
Food Stores	15,300	15,800	14,300	-500	1,000
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,900	13,000	12,600	-100	300
Apparel & Accessories	6,200	7,000	5,500	-800	700
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,600	4,200	-200	200
Eating & Drinking Places	34,700	35,900	32,900	1,200	1,800
Miscellaneous Retail	12,000	12,400	10,700	-400	1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	25,900	25,600	25,000	300	900
Banking	8,100	8,100	8,300	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,700	2,600	100	200
Real Estate	6,300	6,300	5,800	0	500
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,400	5,200	5,000	200	400
SERVICES	113,800	114,200	108,400	-400	5,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,000	11,400	10,200	-400	800
Personal Services	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Business Services	27,000	27,100	25,300	-100	1,700
Health Services	27,500	27,500	26,100	0	1,400
Legal Services	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Educational Services	3,900	4,100	3,900	-200	0
Social Services	7,100	7,200	6,900	-100	200
Membership Organizations	5,700	5,600	5,800	100	-100
Other Services	22,000	21,700	20,500	300	1,500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	133,700	134,400	131,600	-700	2,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,700	28,700	29,700	0	-1,000
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,000	105,700	101,900	-700	3,100
State Government 2/	47,500	48,100	45,500	-600	2,000
Local Government	57,500	57,600	56,400	-100	1,100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

HIGHLIGHTS

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

According to preliminary estimates, the January unemployment rate in the Albuquerque area was 6.6 percent, up from 6.5 percent in December. Total employment declined by 400, and the number of job seekers increased by 200.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 221,400 in January, a decline of 3,200 jobs from December. Post-holiday layoffs in retail trade and motor freight transportation, along with the normal winter slowdown in construction, accounted for almost all of the over-the-month decline in employment.

Employment in manufacturing fell by 100 jobs in January as a large apparel manufacturer reduced its payroll during the month. This was partially offset by some additional hiring in electronic equipment manufacturing.

Since January 1985, wage and salary employment in Albuquerque has grown by 7,400 jobs. The large trade and services industries accounted for two-thirds of the gain, while another twenty percent of the growth came from the construction industry. Manufacturing posted 400 additional jobs over the year as sizeable gains in transportation equipment and professional & scientific instruments were partially offset by a loss of almost 350 jobs in machinery manufacturing.

JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	245,600	245,800	237,100	- 200	+8,500
Employment	229,500	229,900	221,600	- 400	+7,900
Unemployment	16,100	15,900	15,500	+ 200	+ 600
Rate	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	221,400	224,600	214,000	-3,200	7,400
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	18,400	16,300	-600	1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,200	19,300	18,800	-100	400
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,300	-100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,400	12,100	-400	-100
Transportation	5,600	5,900	5,600	-300	0
Communication	3,900	4,000	4,000	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	56,900	58,700	54,400	-1,800	2,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,200	14,000	-100	100
Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,800	4,700	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	44,500	40,400	-1,700	2,400
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	5,200	4,500	-400	300
Food Stores	4,800	5,100	4,500	-300	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
Eating & Drinking Places	15,400	15,700	15,100	-300	300
Other Retail Trade	13,000	13,700	11,800	-700	1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,400	13,500	12,900	-100	500
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,400	6,500	6,100	-100	300
SERVICES	57,900	58,100	55,400	-200	2,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,500	3,600	3,000	-100	500
Personal Services	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Business Services	18,700	18,900	18,100	-200	600
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	600
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Other Services	14,900	14,800	14,000	100	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,900	43,900	43,900	0	0
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,300	12,200	12,400	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,600	31,700	31,500	-100	100
State Government	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	200
Local Government	18,600	18,700	18,700	-100	-100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,000	38,150	35,950	-150	2,050
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
MANUFACTURING	2,850	3,000	3,250	-150	-400
Durable Goods	1,150	1,200	1,150	-50	0
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,800	2,100	-100	-400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,350	1,400	50	0
Transportation	550	550	600	0	-50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	800	800	50	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,000	8,250	7,200	-250	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	800	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	7,150	7,400	6,400	-250	750
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,050	750	-100	200
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	3,100	2,500	-100	500
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,450	1,400	-50	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,550	1,450	50	150
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	5,050	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	50
Business Services	900	950	850	-50	50
Health Services	1,400	1,400	1,150	0	250
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,100	16,000	15,200	100	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,400	11,300	10,600	100	800
State Government	6,300	6,200	5,900	100	400
Local Government	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	400

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	50,450	51,050	47,950	-600	2,500
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	3,400	3,200	-400	-200
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,650	1,450	-50	150
Durable Goods	900	950	850	-50	50
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,150	1,150	-50	-50
Transportation	350	400	350	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,600	10,050	8,350	-450	1,250
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	600	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	8,900	9,350	7,750	-450	1,150
General Merchandise Stores	1,000	1,150	700	-150	300
Food Stores	1,250	1,300	1,200	-50	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	750	0	150
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,300	2,900	-100	300
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,700	2,200	-150	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,950	2,000	1,900	-50	50
SERVICES	12,050	12,250	12,050	-200	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,700	0	300
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,500	4,700	4,700	-200	-200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,000	20,400	19,700	600	1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,500	18,900	18,100	600	1,400
State Government 4/	15,800	15,200	14,700	600	1,100
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985
MINING	$526.85	$539.24	$510.51	41.0	44.2	42.9	$12.85	$12.20	$11.90
CONSTRUCTION	$431.98	$386.22	$377.20	39.2	34.3	36.2	$11.02	$11.26	$10.42
MANUFACTURING	$347.21	$365.40	$331.69	39.5	42.0	39.3	$8.79	$8.70	$8.44
Durable Goods	$351.43	$385.00	$345.86	39.8	43.9	39.8	$8.83	$8.77	$8.69
Nondurable Goods	$338.91	$319.98	$301.42	39.0	37.6	38.3	$8.69	$8.51	$7.87
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$433.13	$481.53	$459.62	40.9	42.5	42.4	$10.59	$11.33	$10.84
* WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$232.73	$218.78	$216.06	33.2	32.8	32.2	$7.01	$6.67	$6.71
Wholesale Trade	$432.82	$363.49	$385.56	42.6	41.4	42.0	$10.16	$8.78	$9.18
Retail Trade	$192.18	$191.26	$179.10	31.3	31.2	30.0	$6.14	$6.13	$5.97
BANKING	$219.58	$229.86	$208.83	37.6	39.7	37.9	$5.84	$5.79	$5.51
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985
MANUFACTURING	$360.48	$378.88	$320.36	39.7	43.7	39.6	$9.08	$8.67	$8.09
Durable Goods	$371.05	$415.67	$337.11	40.2	46.6	39.8	$9.23	$8.92	$8.47
Nondurable Goods	$328.52	$282.24	$275.02	38.2	36.0	38.9	$8.60	$7.84	$7.07

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

* Starting with 1984, the Wholesale & Retail Trade industry includes Eating & Drinking Places as part of Retail Trade. Because of this data from 1984 forward is not compatible with the previously published series named "Trade". The publication "New Mexico - Hours & Earnings" is available to those wishing Wholesale & Retail Trade hours and earnings data for 1984 and 1985. See back page.

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New Mexico's mining industry has now lost 2,000 jobs over the last twelve months. Unfortunately, mining employment is expected to continue to fall over the next few months because of MolyCorp's recent closure of its Taos County molybdenum mine, affecting almost 500 workers, and employment reductions by oil and gas firms due to the drop in oil prices.

New Mexico's annual average unemployment rate in 1985 was 8.8 percent, above the national average of 7.2 percent and all of our border states. Listed below are 1985 unemployment rates for New Mexico and its contiguous states.

New Mexico	8.8%	Oklahoma	7.1%
Arizona	6.5%	Texas	7.0%
Colorado	5.9%	Utah	5.9%

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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CPI-U - 328.4
CPI-W - 324.3

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: The Public Service Company of New Mexico has announced an immediate hiring freeze in a move to eliminate about 400 positions, or 15 percent of its workforce, over the next three years. The move is part of a long-term program to cut costs.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: American Telephone and Telegraph Co. plans to eliminate about 50 jobs in Albuquerque within the next month as part of the company's efforts to streamline its western area operations. Gulton Industries' Albuquerque Division has been awarded a large contract with Martin Marietta Corp. which will mean the addition of about 70 workers to Gulton's local workforce within the next year. The University of Albuquerque will close its doors at the end of the current semester due to financial problems. The 66-year old Catholic school has 120 employees, including 60 faculty members. Construction will start soon on Quail Run Retail Center. The center, located at Tramway Blvd. and San Rafael NE, will be about 16,000-square-feet with 10 retail spaces and 4 office suites. The project is scheduled for completion in late May. Coldwell Banker, a nationwide firm selling commercial real estate, will expand its Albuquerque office in late May by adding 15 more people to its staff. Work is continuing on the 500,000-square-feet Albuquerque Veterans Administration Medical Center. The facility is about 90 percent complete and is scheduled to open on July 7.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: The Pentagon has chosen White Sands Missile Range as the site of a major research facility for the nation's Strategic Defense Initiative. The facility will include a free linear accelerator housed in a structure approximately six-tenths of a mile long. Congressional sources estimate the facility will cost nearly $1 billion to construct and have an annual operating cost of about $125 million. The accelerator is expected to be operational in the early 1990's. Employment requirements for the new project were not available.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Lundberg Industries has announced plans to reopen its potash mine and refinery on March 4, although the workforce at the mine will be somewhat smaller than before the shutdown. The facility, which was formerly owned by Potash Company of America, was shut down December 1, resulting in the layoff of 375 workers. AMAX Chemical Corp. further reduced its workforce in February with the layoff of 50 salaried employees. AMAX furloughed 225 workers last October, citing poor market conditions as the reason for the layoff. The recent reductions leave AMAX with only about 30 workers. N-Ren Southwest, an anhydrous ammonia plant east of Carlsbad, laid off about 65 workers in February.

FARMINGTON AREA: San Juan Coal Company's La Plata mine has received final state and federal approval, and work on the new mine is expected to begin soon. The mine is expected to employ about 150 people.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Salt River Power District, Arizona's second largest utility company, has submitted an application to locate a small coal mine south of Gallup near Fence Lake. The company anticipates having the new mine in operation within a year with a workforce of approximately 20. Cibola General Hospital will lay off about 8 employees in late March. The layoffs are attributed to a decline in utilization of hospital facilities.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: A $7.8 million shopping center and housing development is being planned for Hobbs by two Texas developers. Providence Construction Inc. of Austin plans to build a $2.8 million, 45,000-square-foot shopping

center at the intersection of Dal Paso and Glorieta, and LaFonda Construction Inc. will construct approximately 100 new homes behind the center. Work on the development is expected to start by early April. Allsup's Convenience Stores Inc. is expanding in the Hobbs area with the location of five new stores. Each new Allsup's store will cost $120,000, meaning a total investment of $600,000 for the expansion. A number of oil field service companies in the Hobbs area have laid off workers in recent weeks, including Well Tech Inc., 20 workers; Pressure Testing Inc., 13 workers; Badger Welding, 8 employees; and Arco Oil and Gas Co., 15 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work is underway on the new $8 million, 110,000-square-foot Science Hall at New Mexico State University. The new facility is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1987. Citizens Bank of Las Cruces broke ground in February for its new 30,000-square-foot main branch facility at Loretto Center. Crossmark Development of El Paso is constructing a new $4.1 million, 144-unit apartment complex on Roadrunner Parkway in Las Cruces.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Hisaw and Associates of Albuquerque has been awarded a $1.9 million contract to build a high technologies facility at the Luna Vocational-Technical Institute. The new K-Bobs Restaurant in Las Vegas is expected to open in early March, hiring about 40 people.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has been awarded a contract worth up to $52.6 million for a new effort to harness fusion power for commercial purposes. The initial contract to LANL will be worth $40.6 million and could receive an additional $12 million when the contract is ready for full operation. The Zia Company, which has held a services contract with LANL for about 4 decades, will be replace by Pan American World Services Inc. on July 1. Pan Am has promised to retain most of the 1,600 workers now employed by Zia.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) laid off about 450 workers in January due to a seasonal decrease in bus orders. TMC management expects to rehire all furloughed workers by the end of April. Before the recent reductions, TMC employed about 1,200 workers. John C. Cornell Construction of Clovis was awarded a $1.5 million contract for work athletic fieldhouses for Roswell and Goddard High Schools.

SANTA FE AREA: The $2 million renovation of the Hilton Hotel was completed in early February. The Hospital Corporation of America has revised its plans to build a psychiatric hospital in Santa Fe and now is looking into opening a national center for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation plans to install a $10 million oxygen enrichment plant at its Playas copper smelter which will increase smelter capacity by approximately 21 percent according to company officials. The new plant, which is expected to come on line this summer, will result in about five additional employees at the Playas smelter.

TAOS/ANGEL FIRE AREA: Unocal, the parent company of Molycorp, closed the molybdenum mine at Questa at the end of February, laying off about 500 workers. The company expects to keep only about 130 workers on the payroll for limited underground development until molybdenum prices warrant full scale mining. The Angel Fire Corp. laid off about 35 employees in late January due to lack of snow.

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE MSA
1985 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	630,821	574,783	56,038	8.9%
February	634,214	576,392	57,822	9.1%
March	640,590	582,732	57,858	9.0%
April	643,594	586,016	57,578	8.9%
May	646,003	588,936	57,067	8.8%
June	650,906	590,923	59,983	9.2%
July	646,713	587,534	59,179	9.2%
August	644,484	589,349	55,135	8.6%
September	651,718	597,177	54,541	8.4%
October	656,650	600,938	55,712	8.5%
November	653,694	597,280	56,414	8.6%
December	652,615	595,941	56,674	8.7%
Annual Average	646,000	589,000	57,000	8.8%

ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	237,112	221,574	15,538	6.6%
February	238,114	222,048	16,066	6.7%
March	240,769	224,651	16,118	6.7%
April	241,654	225,383	16,271	6.7%
May	241,454	225,321	16,133	6.7%
June	242,243	225,062	17,181	7.1%
July	239,996	222,935	17,061	7.1%
August	240,794	224,932	15,862	6.6%
September	245,291	229,493	15,798	6.4%
October	245,345	229,148	16,197	6.6%
November	244,353	228,115	16,238	6.6%
December	245,821	229,936	15,885	6.5%
Annual Average	241,913	225,717	16,196	6.7%

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA
1985 ANNUAL AVERAGES

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATEWIDE	646,000	589,000	57,000	8.8%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/	241,913	225,717	16,196	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 2/	49,776	45,523	4,253	8.5%
SANTA FE MSA 3/	59,313	56,167	3,146	5.3%
Catron	993	824	169	17.0%
Chaves	23,201	21,333	1,868	8.1%
Cibola	8,637	6,567	2,070	24.0%
Colfax	6,930	6,187	743	10.7%
Curry	16,252	15,043	1,209	7.4%
De Baca	922	818	104	11.3%
Eddy	21,930	19472	2458	11.2%
Grant	9,935	8490	1445	14.5%
Guadalupe	1,595	1379	216	13.5%
Harding	498	454	44	8.8%
Hidalgo	2,416	2219	197	8.2%
Lea	26,518	24934	1584	6.0%
Lincoln	7,579	7115	464	6.1%
Luna	5,543	4660	883	15.9%
McKinley	17,005	14719	2286	13.4%
Mora	1,461	1,056	405	27.7%
Otero	16,857	15,432	1,425	8.5%
Quay	4,499	4,049	450	10.0%
Rio Arriba	13,667	11,194	2,473	18.1%
Roosevelt	7,073	6,694	379	5.4%
Sandoval	20,818	19,049	1,769	8.5%
San Juan	34,359	29,608	4,751	13.8%
San Miguel	9,792	8,459	1,333	13.6%
Sierra	2,251	2,042	209	9.3%
Socorro	5,319	4,880	439	8.3%
Taos	10,708	8564	2144	20.0%
Torrance	3,213	2867	346	10.8%
Union	2,090	1942	148	7.1%
Valencia	12,940	11544	1396	10.8%

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1986				REVISED DECEMBER 1985				REVISED JANUARY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	649,511	590,004	59,507	9.2%	652,615	595,941	56,674	8.7%	630,821	574,783	56,038	8.9%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	245,588	229,452	16,136	6.6%	245,821	229,936	15,885	6.5%	237,112	221,574	15,538	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	51,460	47,475	3,985	7.7%	51,379	47,541	3,838	7.5%	48,463	44,534	3,929	8.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	60,700	57,114	3,586	5.9%	60,504	57,408	3,096	5.1%	56,896	53,724	3,172	5.6%
Catron	919	724	195	21.2%	938	749	189	20.1%	910	711	199	21.9%
Chaves	23,180	20,951	2,229	9.6%	22,920	21,246	1,674	7.3%	22,565	20,785	1,780	7.9%
Cibola	8,242	6,409	1,833	22.2%	8,635	6,754	1,881	21.8%	8,534	6,745	1,789	21.0%
Colfax	6,676	5,762	914	13.7%	6,781	5,843	938	13.8%	6,564	5,792	772	11.8%
Curry	16,242	14,934	1,308	8.1%	16,319	15,092	1,227	7.5%	15,769	14,589	1,180	7.5%
De Baca	893	756	137	15.3%	921	794	127	13.8%	870	776	94	10.8%
Eddy	21,966	18,831	3,135	14.3%	22,049	19,025	3,024	13.7%	21,845	19,213	2,632	12.0%
Grant	9,491	8,233	1,258	13.3%	9,689	8,520	1,169	12.1%	9,861	8,329	1,532	15.5%
Guadalupe	1,599	1,302	297	18.6%	1,685	1,402	283	16.8%	1,479	1,299	180	12.2%
Harding	454	400	54	11.9%	488	443	45	9.2%	387	359	28	7.2%
Hidalgo	2,310	2,133	177	7.7%	2,290	2,109	181	7.9%	2,360	2,182	178	7.5%
Lea	26,081	24,499	1,582	6.1%	26,005	24,569	1,436	5.5%	26,685	25,064	1,621	6.1%
Lincoln	7,189	6,640	549	7.6%	7,324	6,805	519	7.1%	6,987	6,569	418	6.0%
Luna	5,111	4,277	834	16.3%	5,479	4,589	890	16.2%	5,529	4,697	832	15.0%
McKinley	16,971	14,547	2,424	14.3%	17,156	14,774	2,382	13.9%	17,013	14,806	2,207	13.0%
Mora	1,477	958	519	35.1%	1,541	1,028	513	33.3%	1,425	994	431	30.2%
Otero	17,158	15,600	1,558	9.1%	16,992	15,482	1,510	8.9%	16,768	15,292	1,476	8.8%
Quay	4,259	3,819	440	10.3%	4,374	3,933	441	10.1%	4,299	3,801	498	11.6%
Rio Arriba	13,226	10,356	2,870	21.7%	13,768	11,275	2,493	18.1%	13,227	10,451	2,776	21.0%
Roosevelt	6,860	6,464	396	5.8%	7,345	6,961	384	5.2%	7,046	6,658	388	5.5%
Sandoval	21,157	19,109	2,048	9.7%	21,546	19,642	1,904	8.8%	19,634	17,886	1,748	8.9%
San Juan	34,089	29,629	4,460	13.1%	34,162	29,805	4,357	12.8%	33,700	28,878	4,822	14.3%
San Miguel	10,004	8,561	1,443	14.4%	9,919	8,629	1,290	13.0%	9,138	7,750	1,388	15.2%
Sierra	2,253	2,068	185	8.2%	2,208	1,984	224	10.1%	2,164	1,965	199	9.2%
Socorro	5,247	4,720	527	10.0%	5,417	4,912	505	9.3%	5,079	4,622	457	9.0%
Taos	10,900	8,522	2,378	21.8%	11,101	8,697	2,404	21.7%	10,705	8,727	1,978	18.5%
Torrance	3,091	2,673	418	13.5%	3,246	2,862	384	11.8%	2,891	2,612	279	9.7%
Union	1,932	1,783	149	7.7%	1,966	1,851	115	5.8%	2,011	1,811	200	9.9%
Valencia	12,786	11,303	1,483	11.6%	12,647	11,281	1,366	10.8%	12,905	11,588	1,317	10.2%

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